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SUBJECT: MEETINGS WITH FINNISH OFFICIALS.

1. THE TRADITIONAL LUNCHEON FOR DEPARTING AMBASSADORS IS BEING GIVEN FOR ME BY FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN FEBRUARY 17. HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE EXPECTING SOME COMMENT ABOUT HIS PROPOSAL ON FINANCING EXCHANGES AFTER 1984. INSTRUCTIONS ARE REQUESTED AS TO WHAT I CAN SAY ON THIS POINT.

2. BOTH THIS LUNCHEON AND FAREWELL AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT KEKKONEN FEBRUARY 21, WHILE PROTOCOLARY IN NATURE, PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STATING US POSITION ON FINNISH VOTING AT LOW CONFERENCE. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, I PLAN SIMPLY TO EXPRESS REGRETS THAT GOF VOTED THE WAY IT DID IN SPITE OF OUR BEST EFFORTS TO CONVINCE THEM THAT PRG IS NOT A GOVERNMENT AND SHOULD NOT BE REWARDED FOR HAVING LAUNCHED A SUCCESSFUL MILITARY ACTION.

3. CONTRARY TO HIS USUAL PRACTICE, PRESIDENT KEKKONEN WILL ATTEND MY FAREWELL COCKTAIL FEBRUARY 18.
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